



HISTORY QUEENSLAND INC.

**Minutes of the General Meeting of History Queensland Inc. held on Sunday 18 November 2018 at Miegunyah House, Jordan Terrace, Bowen Hills, Brisbane**  
Meeting commenced at 11.00 am

**Attendance:**

**Caloundra Family History Research Group Inc** –Valerie Thornton, Phyllis Gerhardt, Roz Kuss  
**Genealogical Society of Qld Inc.** – Janice Cooper  
**Toowoomba & Darling Downs F H Society Inc.** – Marie Green, Marionne Diggles, Margaret Doherty  
**Ipswich Genealogy Society** – Irma Deas, Edith Henry  
**Fassifern District Historical Society & Templin Museum** –Iris Skinner  
**Gold Coast Family History Society Inc.** – Ann Metcher, Fay Carbis, Heather Wort, Margaret Deacon  
**Blackbutt Tourism & Heritage, Roy Emerson Museum** –Jenny Gilland-Thomas, Noeleen Bird, Jackie Ross  
**Queensland Family History Society Inc.** – John Perryn, Judith Perryn, Bev Young, Kevin Haley  
**Queensland Women’s Historical Association** – Robyn Wallace, Sandra Hyde-Page  
**Oral History Association Qld** – Joan Kelly  
**Toogoolawah & District History Group** – Leigh Chamberlain  
**Friends of Bankfoot House** – Elaine Reeves  
**Peachester History Committee** – Elaine Reeves  
**Chermside & District History Society** – David Masters, Beverly Masters  
**Toowong & District History Group** - Pepita Comiskey, Kep Coughland  
**Logan City Museum** - Helen Turner

**Apologies:**

Len Wilmington - Crows Nest Historical Society  
Helen Page - Peachester History Committee  
Geoff Doherty – QFHS  
Don Willsher – The Gap Historical Society  
Noela Siddens – Ipswich Genealogical Society  
Christine Titchmarsh, Karen Douglas – Templin Museum, Boonah  
Ruth Sapsford – Toowong & District History Group  
Ron Gillinder – Friends of Bankfoot House  
Sandy Paley – Tamborine Mountain Historical Society  
Peter Gore – Fort Lytton Historical Association

**Welcome:**

President Margaret Doherty welcomed attendees to the General Meeting and thanked the Queensland Women’s Historical Association for hosting the meeting in such beautiful surroundings.

**Minutes:**

Minutes of the previous General Meeting held at the Criterion Hotel, Warwick on Sunday 20 May 2018 as made available on the HQ website and distributed today.

Moved by Ann Metcher and seconded by Valerie Thornton that the minutes of the previous General Meeting be accepted. **Carried**

**Business arising:** Nil

**Correspondence:** as tabled. From May 23rd 2018

**Inward**

23.05.18 Boggo Road Goal Historical Society membership form and cheque  
08.06.18 Letter from Shadow Minister for Charities and NFP re: changes to charities and definition of expenses. Nil relevant.  
Brisbane Cruises flyer  
22.06.18 Brisbane Valley Heritage Trails insurance cheque

- Charters Towers Archives membership form and cheque
- Enoggera and District Times
- 19.08.18 Coochiemudlo Island Heritage Society membership form
- Crows Nest insurance form and cheque
- 24.08.18 Letter addressed incorrectly to The Gap Pioneer & Historical Group – redirected
- 05.10.18 Letter Graham Quirk, Brisbane City Council invitation to free Small Business Forum
- Friends of Tingalpa Heritage Group invitation to 150 Year Celebration and newsletter
- 07.10.18 Central Qld Family History Association membership form and cheque

#### **Emails**

- 02.11.18 Invitation to BSHN 2018 Gathering
- Acknowledgement of receipt of NOIM submission - from Marriage Celebrants Dept
- 09.10.18 From 2019 Qld State Conference Committee – the 5 regional delegate applications
- 16.11.18 Acknowledgement of receipt of NOIM submission - from Attorney Generals Dept.
- Various Various regarding internal operations of HQ (Facebook, general meeting, etc.)
- Enquiries from general public and member groups

#### **Outward**

- 16.10.18 Submissions sent to Attorney General and Marriage Celebrants Dept regarding intended changes to the Marriage Act 1961
- Various Various regarding internal operations of HQ (Facebook, general meeting, etc.)
- Enquiries answered from general public and member groups

Moved by Ann Metcher and seconded by Marie Green that the inwards correspondence be accepted and the outwards endorsed. **Carried**

#### **Business arising:**

Reply from the Attorney General Christian Porter to be posted onto the website

#### **President's Report:**

Firstly, I wish to thank the Queensland Women Historical Association for hosting today's History Queensland meeting. The association is a new member and I thank them for offering their wonderful home for our six-monthly meeting.

History Queensland now has 118 members which is great and as well we have 465 Facebook followers. Our secretary, Ann Metcher operates the Facebook page and as you can see with that many followers it is very popular. It is a way History Queensland can engage with other societies and update them on what is happening in the sector. While Facebook is not for everyone, it is a way to communicate and share information to the younger generation with an interest in history.

The last few months have been busy for the Committee. Several weeks ago, it came to the attention of history groups across Australia that the Commonwealth Attorney General's Department had in place a consultation process relating to removal of several key pieces of information on the Notice of Intention to Marry. History Queensland distributed this information to members as well as making a submission expressing disappointment at the planned changes. These included the removal of information on usual addresses and occupations of the parties; information on previous marriages and children as well as the names and country of birth of the parents of the parties. We have received a response from the Attorney General who states that the consultation process will be completed early in 2019. We will keep an eye on this process and let you know what happens.

On another matter, History Queensland is preparing a list of speakers who are willing to speak on family or local history in Queensland. This will be on our website. This list is being provided to assist member organisations to ascertain potential speakers. We have sent a letter to member societies asking them to identify potential speakers who could be on our list. The information collected will only be basic and will include name, contact details and topics or titles. We are not asking members to recommend speakers merely to identify them. Similarly, History Queensland is not recommending speakers. The database will be a resource to assist members with their speaking programs.

There have been a couple of interesting innovations at the National and Queensland State Archives. A couple of weeks ago, the QSA opened their "Memory Lounge" which is a dementia friendly space. This is part of

significant changes to the Archives reading room which includes further assistance to researchers in the recently re-arranged reading room. If you haven't been lately to the Archives, I suggest you make a visit and have a look for yourself.

The Cannon Hill office of the National Archives of Australia has a new pilot being undertaken. For six months until 30 April next year, the NAA is allowing researchers to self-digitise agreed records. The NAA would particularly love organisations to use this to undertake projects on NAA records. Have a think about how your society could use this process as this is a great opportunity. Contact the Cannon Hill office if you are interested.

Our AGM will be at the *Waves in Time* Queensland family and local history conference and fair which will be on the 24-26 May at the Lake Kawana Community Centre. Registrations are now open and I hope we will see you there. The first two conferences were very successful with plenty of fun, networking and information sharing. Valerie Thornton from the host society Caloundra Family History will be updating you on the conference later in the meeting. Have a think about nominating for a committee position at the May AGM. Alternatively, if you know someone who would be good for one of these positions please get them to contact us.

In closing I would like to thank our host today, Queensland Women's Historical Society and also the History Queensland Secretary Ann Metcher for her organising of the meeting. I hope you all enjoy today and come back again to further of our meetings.

Moved by Margaret Doherty and seconded by Edith Henry that the report as per the AGM be accepted.

**Carried**

#### **Treasurer's Report: Fay Carbis**

The large amount in the web saver account is needed for the extended insurance cover.

#### **History Queensland Profit & Loss For Period Covering 01/04/2018 to 16/11/2018**

Income		
Gifts Received		\$41.00
Insurance Premium 2017/2018		\$6,073.13
Interest Income		
Business Cheque A/c	\$1.67	
Web Saver Interest	\$505.73	
<b>Total Interest Income</b>	<b>\$507.40</b>	
Membership 2018/2019		\$1,220.50
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>\$7,842.03</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>		<b>\$7,842.03</b>
Expenses		
Audit Fees		\$572.00
Incorporation Related Charges		\$53.50
Insurance		
2017/2018 Insurance Premium	\$3,234.99	
<b>Total Insurance</b>	<b>\$3,234.99</b>	
Meeting Expenses - Hosting		\$150.00
Photocopying expenses		\$60.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>		<b>\$4,070.49</b>
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Net income for Period		\$3,771.54

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Moved by Fay Carbis and seconded by Helen Turner that the Treasurer's report be accepted.  
**Carried**

### **Insurance Report: Helen Turner**

As History Queensland Inc. membership renewal falls due on the 31<sup>st</sup> March and insurance on the 14<sup>th</sup> November it is confusing to some societies therefore it was decided to bring the insurance renewal in line with the membership renewal and have both falling due on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. The next insurance term will be a longer term of seventeen months. More than ninety (90) societies, museums etc take advantage of the insurance offered by HQ, mostly with public liability and Volunteers insurance, some with contents and building, and a few with Directors Insurance.

Insurance questionnaires were sent out in August. It is not too late to return them. No invoices have been received as yet, but Certificates of Currency are available to any groups that need one. Contact Helen Turner.

Moved by Helen Turner and seconded by Margaret Deacon that the Insurance Report be accepted.

**Carried.**

### **State Conference Report: Valerie Thornton Convenor**

The 2019 State Conference will be held at Venue 114 (Lake Kawana Community Centre) 24 – 26 May 2019. Good sponsorship has been obtained by Margaret Doherty. Registrations are now open for delegates and exhibitors. Programme is now on the website.

Free public fair all weekend. On Friday there will also be 5 free speaker sessions and 3 paid special sessions.

Friday evening will be a Welcome Function and a book launch by Boolarong Press.

HQ has generously subsidised 2 regional delegates – both from Longreach.

### **General Business:**

#### **1. by Toowong & District Historical Society**

Leigh Chamberlain raised the fact that there are many inaccuracies in the Place Name folder held at the John Oxley Library. This is a replica of the original, and the inaccuracies presented are being repeated by researchers. Wikipedia also refers to wrong names. Other historical societies have found inaccuracies. TDDFHS also have had problems with local place names in Ipswich and has had an ongoing communication for 6-8 months to try and rectify the errors. Toowong DHS have been told that the online Place Names website has been archived. Janice Cooper suggested that any revision should occur through the employment of Professional Historians.

Action: Margaret Doherty to contact our Patron Bill Kitson, formerly of the Lands Department, to clarify if the Place Names Board is still in existence, who has final responsibility for the list, is it still online, and the process required for submitting corrections.

#### **2. Oral History Qld**

- Joan Kelly is a museum consultant and as such is aware that funding for museums in Qld has been minimal, with Arts money being directed primarily to Art Galleries. NSW has specific grants to museums and funding is across the board, whereas Qld has no such distribution. There is a survey being conducted at present which we are encouraged to take part in and which will help to promote museums in Qld and assist in funding grant claims. It is in 2 parts: individuals and organisations, and HQ will be sent details for distribution to HQ members to take part in.

#### **3. AFFHO Congress – held every 3 years**

No State has taken up the responsibility yet, Should be held in 2021. If it is not to be held in Qld, then a host for the 2021 Qld State Conference is needed.

The General Meeting closed at 12.30 pm. with sincere thanks to Queensland Women's Historical Association for their hospitality.

Group reports followed – see below for precis. It had been determined to try and keep these reports to 2 minutes each.

The next 2018 General Meeting will be held in May 2019 at Venue 114 (Lake Kawana Community Centre) following on from the 2019 Annual General Meeting after the 2019 State Conference and hosted by the Caloundra Family Research Group.

Signed..... Margaret Doherty President Date.....

## **GROUP REPORTS – in brief**

### **Caloundra Family Research Group**

Recent AGM resulted in one new face on the committee. Had to cancel a WW1 seminar due to lack of numbers. Given 13,000 microfiche by Caloundra library, and have 3,000 to give away today to any groups interested in them.

### **Logan City Museum**

Have been 'kicked out' from their premises in the Kingston Butter Factory by Logan City Council. Have to vacate by the end of December. LCC will eventually provide them with purpose built premises. Temporary accommodation will be adjacent to the Logan library. Members have scanned the Kingston Butter Factory ledgers thanks to a grant for the purpose. Hopefully these will be indexed and available by the State Conference in May.

### **Crows Nest Historical Society**

Museum building programme progressing slowly. The grain shed shifted from behind the pharmacy in town last year has been restored and will become an Information Centre for the area hoping to attract more visitors. Opening day is the afternoon of Australia Day 2019. Has been difficulty with Council and Government regulations. It seems that even though the building is over 100 years old, and a building from our past, it has to meet the same construction requirement as a new building, even though it has only been shifted to a new location. For example, they have had to find over \$1000 dollars to install Tactiles, that's the button-shaped tiles that tell a blind person when there is a change of level or slope. When asked, "How many blind people you expect to come and see the Museum?" the answer was, "It's regulations."

An increased visitation rate, especially from schools and elderly bus visits. Ongoing maintenance of the 21 museum buildings is costly and relies heavily on volunteers.

### **Toowoomba & Darling Downs Family History Society**

Indexing of records is continuing: the Toowoomba Chronicle – 1921-1989 now contains 876,930 records. As well as indexing the films we continue to index the Toowoomba Chronicle BDMs and that later index from 2001 to current has 83,549 records on it. Earlier indexes for BDMs cover from 1989 and naturally we have a copy of the notices which have been scanned. Our new index to the Queensland Government Gazettes now has 81,843. We have continued scanning the Government Gazettes and last meeting we had finished 1946. We now have completed 1947, 1955, 1956 and 1958. This year we sponsored one of our members' publications *Arrabury*. We sold 70 books on the day and thanks to a generous financial agreement between Liz and our journal editor Diana Beal we made over \$1000. We are now calling on submissions for our next *In Our Backyard* publication but unfortunately at this stage they are coming in very slowly and no doubt it will be a very small run for hard copies. Membership is 208 which of course is not as good as it used to be, but we are still attracting casual researchers and our discussion groups are still well attended.

### **Ipswich Genealogical Society**

Are sponsored by Council which is a problem as now they don't have one! Have been 2 years in new building which needed a lot of work. Was painted by 'Challenge Employment and Training'. There were some mistakes rectified with a council grant. Electricity was sponsored by Cleanaway as the premises are within 3 km of the Cleanaway depot. They have a new USB for sale today. Fellow HQ members are wished a Happy Christmas.

### **Gold Coast Family History Society**

Fairly constant membership at about 313. Have had 4 mini seminars this year – Shauna Hicks, Helen Smith, Kerry Farmer, John Graham. Volunteers are painting our research library over the Christmas break. Would like to commend the 2019 State Conference committee for the work they have done so far.

### **Genealogical Society of Queensland**

Developed management into 9 organisational areas

#### 1. Membership

- remains at approximately 620 – some months a little lower. The ultimate goal is to create engaged, badge-wearing members who are prepared to contribute to the Society with both their time and money.

#### 2. Volunteering

- Lee English, has been appointed as our Volunteering Officer.

#### 3. Education

- education program continues to be the Society's second-biggest income stream.

#### 4. Repository

- a new library layout that will give us far greater flexibility in the presentation of our courses and seminars.

#### 5. Information & Communications Technology (ICT)

- applied for a \$30,000 grant to upgrade the computer lab as well as buy a much-needed new laptop. The grant also includes other peripherals such as a data-projector, speakers etc.

#### 6. Finances – healthy net profit made in 2017 – 2018 year

#### 7. Governance – recently undertook an audit of Constitution and By Laws

#### 8. Income – 2 major streams recognised after membership & education are research and digitisation

#### 9. Marketing - blog was named as one of Australia's Top 10 genealogical blogs. Developing strong bonds with media – ABC Radio Brisbane fortnightly spots, regular stories in Quest newspaper Southern Star.

### **Blackbutt and District Tourism & Heritage**

South Burnett Regional Council granted permission for us to hold local newspapers back to about 1970. Have been busy indexing these newspapers – a wonderful local resource.

Roy Emerson museum is working well – statue and grounds and have already held a wedding there. Brisbane Valley Rail Trail users will stop at the gardens for a short time. Museum stands alongside the Nukku Railway Siding – the space is used effectively with pictorial displays and audio presentations. The annual Tagalong Tour was a great success as usual. Hoping for a council grant of more land to build a timber museum.

### **Toowong District Historical Society**

20 members. 2017/2018 has been a busy year with projects. Note that the Brisbane area is fragmented with groups in each suburb. Have advertised successfully in Brisbane City Council 'What's On' but that needs to be submitted about 4 months ahead. Have held local walks with about 65 people present at each walk. Information was distributed through St Andrew's church. Planning a Sherwood Road Project in 2019. Laid a Memorial Wreath at the Remembrance Day service. The steam roller that pulled the tank Mephisto has been restored over the past 8 years and returned to the park. Have published 2 books this year.

### **Queensland Family History Society**

Have had an excellent year with stable premises and membership.

### **Queensland Women's Historical Association**

Has about 140 – 150 members. 2018 celebrated 50 years since the house was opened as a house museum in 1968. Have had a significance assessment of the collection with the State Archives and work is being done on putting the information into a form that can be utilised.

### **Oral History Queensland**

Meet at the State Library. Were invited to give a paper at the recent Roma Conference. Won an AFFHO prize at the 2018 National Family History Week from Registrar of BDM. Enjoy getting invitations to speak. Will be hosting the 2019 National Oral History Conference at the State Library in November 2019.

### **Friends of Bankfoot House**

In conjunction with Sunshine Coast Council have had busy year preparing for 150 year celebration of the Grigor family at Bankfoot House and 150 years of Old Gympie Road on 14<sup>th</sup> October on a windy wet day. Attracted a large number of visitors including Governor of Qld, State and Federal members, and local councillor. The restored 1935 Bankfoot Stable/Garage was officially opened and will display many of timber

getting tools used by the Grigor and Burgess families. Launch of new book took place "*Bankfoot House, 150 years on Old Gympie Road*". Copies available [friendsofbankfoot@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofbankfoot@gmail.com)

### **Peachester History Committee**

Celebrated our 20<sup>th</sup> birthday this year. Busy working closely with Peachester Community Hall have built a steel shed behind the hall for archival storage, work areas and display space for PHC local heritage collection. Grants and funding have enabled lining of the shed, lights, power points and painting. Also have funds to set up an Anzac gallery, and interactive display to highlight the Inigo Jones collection. Working with a professional curator on general design and planning to make best use of the space. Held our Annual Remembrance Day service at Peachester Cemetery followed by lunch in the new hall.

### **General discussion:**

#### **Heather Wort – Gold Coast FHS**

Presented some old photos of WW1 Soldiers found behind a photo frame. Has contacted AWM who took only 2 of them for their collection.

Further suggestions from the floor:

1. Send copies to the John Oxley Library
2. Send copies to Picture Australia State Library
3. Post digitised copies on HQ Facebook and website
4. Contact Denis McGuiness at the Museum of Military Intelligence, Scenic Rim for help in identifying uniforms.

Ann to follow up on all these suggestions.